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Staff meeting.

I said goodbye to William Witman, who is going as Chargé to Tangier.

Jean Daridan called on me and was kind enough to say how much he and his colleagues would miss me here.

John Loacacos of the Cleveland Plain Dealer talked to me about various aspects of United States foreign policy.

E. came here for lunch with me.

This afternoon I saw Messrs. Linder, Schaetzel and Sohm on a variety of economic matters.

I talked to Jack McCloy in New York today on the telephone about the deteriorating situation in France and Germany over the EDC treaty. .d him it seemed to me the new Administration would have to take whatever steps were possible to infuse a spirit of optimism into the European statesmen concerned with the matter. I said I did not personally agree with what Ivan Kirkpatrick is supposed to have reported to his Government, that the whole project was dead as mutton. I think the most important thing is to get somebody over there who enjoys General Eisenhower . full confidence and talk frankly to the various Prime Ministers and Foreign Ministers about the essentiality of pressing forward to realize the Community of Six.

I had a meeting later today with Messrs. Matthews, Perkins, Riddleberger, Bonbright and MacArthur on the same subject.

Chuck Spofford came to see me to ask me to make a speech before the Council on Foreign Relations.

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Chip Bohlen called me tonight and said the National Security Council, a meeting of which he had attended today, had adopted the recommendations regarding the oil cartel suit proposed by State and Defense. As I had not read the recommendations, I do not know exactly what this means. However, he said [redacted] someone from State should be designated to work out with the NSC staff the necessary public announcement on this subject. I told him I thought [redacted] Butch Fisher would be the most appropriate officer.

Tonight we had a dinner at the Metropolitan Club, chaired by John Ferguson, in honor of Dean. Dean and Felix Frankfurter made [redacted] interesting informal speeches.

Later, I took them all to 1718 H Street, which I quit about two o'clock.

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